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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - KOREA
TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE
FROM: EA/K - ROBERT G. RICH
1. KIM DAE JUNG VERDICT UPHELD (CONF)
ON DECEMBER 1, THE APPELLATE COURT MARTIAL UPHELD THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR KIM DAE JUNG, AND THE SENTENCE WAS FURTHER CON
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FIRMED BY THE MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER ON DECEMBER 6. THE CASE SEOUL NOW MOVE TO THE SUPREME COURT BY ABOUT THE THIRD WEEK OF NOVEMBER. THE APPELLATE COURT SUSPENDED SENTENCES OF THREE OF THE 23 CO-DEFENDANTS IN THE CASE, HOWEVER, AND RE-DUCED PRISON TERMS FOR FOUR OTHERS. THE MARTIAL LAW COMMANDER THEN SUSPENDED EXECUTION OF SENTENCE FOR FOUR MOR DEFENDANTS, SO THAT A TOTAL OF SEVEN OF THE 23 HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON THIS WEEK.

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2. [redacted] (RICH)

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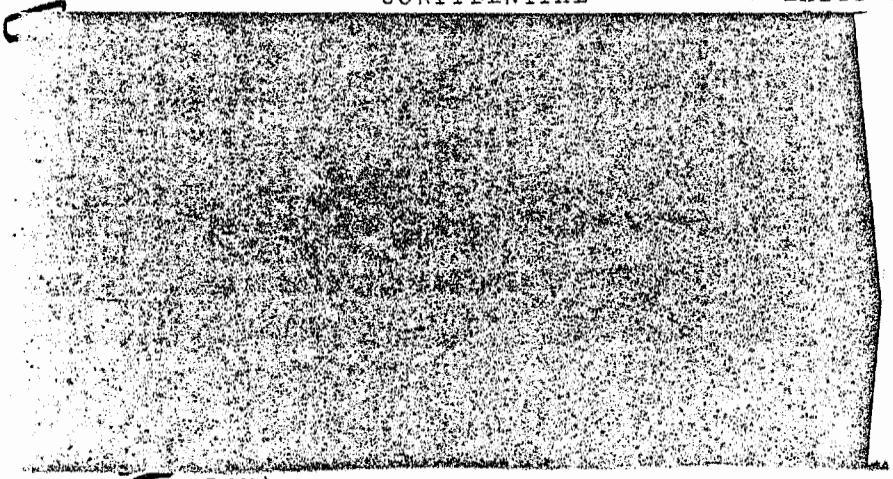
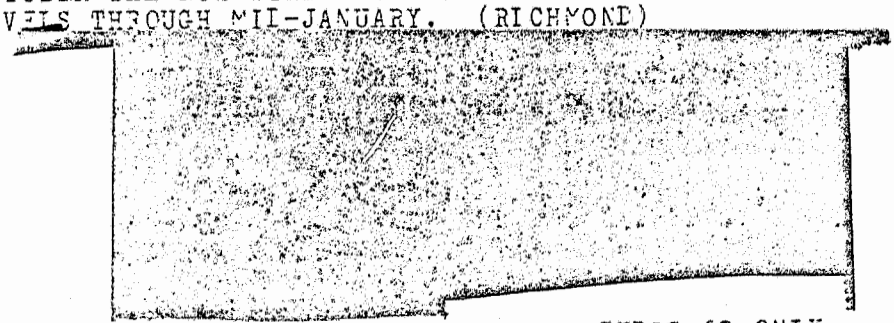


3. RICE (LOU)
WE CONCLUDE THAT THERE IS A REALISTIC INTERAGENCY CONSENSUS THAT THE U.S. SHOULD RESPOND QUICKLY AND POSITIVELY TO A FORTHCOMING JAPANESE REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE BILATERAL RICE MARKETING AGREEMENT. THE EXCEPTION IS NEEDE TO PERMIT JAPAN TO RESPOND TO KOREA'S EMERGENCY AND SELL ON MILLION TONS OF RICE NEEDED TO STABILIZE MARKETS. U.S. RICE TRADERS REMAIN FASCINATED WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF KOREA'S 2.4 MILLION TON IMPORT NEEDS AND CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT KOREA BUY ALL OF THE REMAINING 500,000 TONS OF MEDIUM GRAIN RICE FROM OUR GULF COAST BEFORE BUYING ANY JAPANESE RICE. THEY CONSIDER KOREA A HISTORICAL MARKET, CITING 1969-1976 KOREAN PURCHASES OF 900,000 TONS OF MEDIUM GRAIN RICE AS PRECEDED LAST WEEK, WE NOTED THAT ONLY 550,000 TONS OF MEDIUM GRAIN GULF RICE ARE AVAILABLE FOR POTENTIAL EXPORT. IN ADDITION, ABOUT ONE MILLION TONS OF LONG GRAIN RICE ARE AVAILABLE AND INDUSTRY SOURCES HOPE TO MAINTAIN DEMAND FOR IT BY PERSUADING KOREA TO TAKE THE MEDIUM GRAIN OFF THE MARKET AND MEETING EXPORT DEMAND FOR MEDIUM GRAIN WITH LONG GRAIN RICE INDUSTRY SOURCES REPORT THAT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 1 APPROXIMATELY 240,000 TONS OF RICE HAVE OR WILL LEAVE SACRAMENTO FOR KOREA. IF THESE SHIPMENTS ARE ADDITIVE TO THE 482,000 TONS OF ROKG STOCKS REPORTED AS OF MID-OCTOBER THE ROK WILL HAVE ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION LEVELS THROUGH MID-JANUARY. (RICHMOND)

4. 

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5. SHOOTOUT AT HWAENGGANDO ISLAND/UNCLAS)
A THREE MAN NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATION TEAM WAS D'TECTED LANDING ON HWAENGGANDO ISLAND OFF THE SOUTHWEST COAST OF KOREA ON NOVEMBER 4. IN THE SUBSEQUENT SHOOTOUT ALL THREE INFILTRATORS WERE KILLED, A SOUTH KOREAN CIVILIAN DIED AND TWO CIVILIANS AND TWO POLICEMEN WERE WOUNDED. THIS SEABORNE INFILTRATION ATTEMPT, THE FIRST DETECTED SINCE JUNE, APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A TYPICAL INTELLIGENCE GATHERING MISSION. (RASMUSSEN)

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7. CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL (LCU)
JOHN BROUSSARD OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN BREAUX'S STAFF TOLD BOE RICHMOND NOVEMBER 6 THAT HE EXPECTS TO ACCOMPANY BREAUX ON HIS TRIP TO JAPAN AND KOREA. THE TRIP HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TENTATIVELY, FOR THE THANKSGIVING PERIOD. WHILE IN KOREA, BREAUX WILL WISH TO DISCUSS RICE AND FISHERY MATTERS. (RICHMOND)

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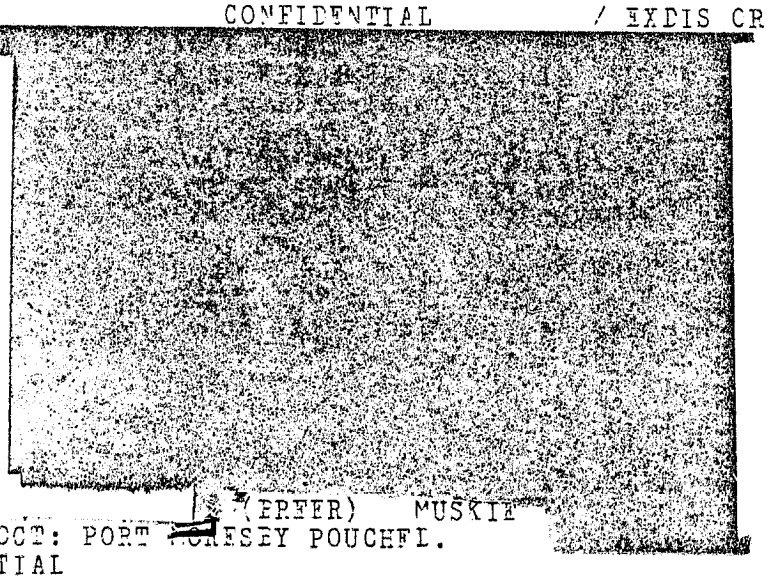

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